This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic comprising a plastic and an absorber material of which comprises a laser-markable polymer in the form of irregular-shaped micromilled particles having a particle size of $0.1 100 \mu m$.
- 2. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material is a high-temperature-resistant plastic.
- 3. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material is comprises polyphenylene sulfide, polysulfone, polyarylate, polyimide, a liquid-crystalline polymer or a mixture thereof.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of the absorber material based on a plastics system is 0.1 10% by weight.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the particle structure of the markable polymer is retained in the plastic.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material additionally comprises, as further absorber, one or more light-sensitive pigments.

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- 7. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 6, wherein the light-sensitive pigment is natural or synthetic mica, copper phosphate, a special-effect pigment, a conductive pigment, a metal nitrate, a metal sulfate, a metal sulfide or a metal oxide.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of a light-sensitive pigment in the plastic is from 0 to 5% by weight, based on a plastics system.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according Claim 1, wherein the plastic is polyethylene, polypropylene, polyamide, polyoxymethylene, polyester, polymethyl methacrylate, polyurethane or a copolymer thereof.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according Claim 1, further comprising at least one color.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A method for producing a moulding comprising marking with the aid of a laser a laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1.
- 12. (Previously Presented) A moulding comprising the laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1.
- 13. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of the absorber material based on a plastics system is 0.1 5% by weight.

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- 14. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the proportion of the absorber material based on a plastics system is 0.1 2% by weight.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material is comprises polyethylene terephthalate, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymer, polystyrene, polyphenylene oxide, polyphenylene sulfide, polyphenylene sulfone, polyimidosulfone, a liquid crystal polymer or mixtures thereof.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the micromilled particles have a particle size of 0.1 50 μ m.
- 17. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the micromilled particles have a particle size of 1 20 μ m.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the micromilled particles have a melting point of greater than 300°C.
- 19. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the laser-markable polymer absorber material further comprises a light-sensitive pigment of TiO₂, SiO₂ or a phyllosilicate.

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20. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1 wherein the plastic is polyethylene polypropylene, a polyester, a polyacetal, a polyamide, a polyurethane, polybutylene terephthalate, polymethyl methacrylate, polyvinyl acetal, polystyrene, butadiene-styrene, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylate, a copolymer and/or a mixture thereof.

21. (Canceled)

- 22. (Currently Amended) A laser markable plastic according to claim 4 6, wherein the light-sensitive pigment is a metal oxide.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A laser-markable plastic comprising a plastic and an absorber material of which comprises a laser-markable polymer in the form of irregular-shaped micromilled particles having a particle size of $0.1 100 \mu m$, wherein the absorber material additionally comprises, as a further absorber, one or more light-sensitive pigments.
- 24. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according Claim 6, wherein the light-sensitive pigment is a metal phosphate, a metal nitrate, a metal sulfate, a metal sulfide, a metal hydroxide or a metal oxide.
- 25. (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according Claim 24, wherein the metal is copper, bismuth, tin, zinc, silver, antimony, manganese, iron, nickel, or chromium.

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- **26.** (Previously Presented) A laser-markable plastic according Claim 6, wherein the light-sensitive pigment is TiO₂, antimony oxychloride, bismuth oxychloride, copper(II) hydroxide phosphate, 4CuO·P₂O₅·H₂O, Cu₃(PO₄)₂·Cu(OH)₂, 6CuO·P₂O₅·3H₂O, Cu₃(PO₄)₂·2Cu(OH)₂, 6CuO·P₂O₅·3H₂O, 4CuO·P₂O₅·3H₂O, Cu₃(PO₄)₂·2Cu(OH)₂·H₂O, 4CuO·P₂O₅, 4CuO·P₂O₅·1.5H₂O, or 4CuO·P₂O₅·1.2H₂O.
- 27. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the laser-markable polymer is an organic polymer.
- 28. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material consists essentially of the laser-markable polymer.
- 29. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the absorber material consists of the laser-markable polymer.
- 30. (New) A laser-markable plastic according to Claim 1, wherein the laser-markable polymer is a thermoplastic polymer.